Reservation in allotment of petrol pumps

†4293. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a system of reservation for the backward classes in the allotment of petrol pumps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) At present, 50% reservation of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships has been provided for different sections of the society, as under:—

(i) Defence personnel	— 8%
(ii) Freedom Fighters	— 2%
(iii) Outstanding Sports	— 2%
(iv) Paramilitary/Police/Government Personnel	— 8%
(v) Physically Hadicapped Persons	— 5%
(vi) Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes	— 25%

33% of the dealerships in all categories mentioned above will be reserved for women belonging to that category.

The Government do not have under consideration any proposal to provide further reservations for any other specific category.

Promotion of religious tourism

4294. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central plan of action to promote religious tourism in India; and

(b) if so, whether her Ministry has any plan to develop the facilities in Ayodhya, Mathura, Ajmer and Agra to attract more National and International tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Development and promotion of religious tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/U.T.

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